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LETTER DATED 25 JANUARY 1995 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to refer to the letter dated 21 December 1994 addressed to you by the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Iraq and to my letter of 17 January 1995 (S/1995/52), both of them on the question of the contract awarded to the American company Evergreen for three helicopters and their American crews to work with the United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission (UNIKOM) in the place of the Canadian company. I should like to convey to you some of the information that has appeared in periodicals published in the United States of America concerning the nature of the relationship between this company and the United States Central Intelligence Agency (CIA).

In a report published on 12 July 1993, The Washington Post indicates that there has been a previous relationship between Evergreen and the CIA and that the company undertook a number of activities for the CIA during the Viet Nam war.

In its issue No. 47, under the title "The United Nations, the CIA, and Evergreen", the American periodical Covert Action Quarterly publishes further details of the nature of the relationship between the CIA and the company. It states that the CIA is always seeking or contriving opportunities with the United Nations and that Evergreen Helicopters is a subsidiary of Evergreen International and uses as the headquarters of its field operations an Arizona airfield financed and built by the CIA in the 1970s.

Evergreen International purchased the CIA-owned Intermountain Aviation, and it has carried out covert operations inside Cuba.

George Dolin, who was in charge of all CIA aircraft, became a director of Evergreen in 1976 and remained so until his death in 1985.

The company has a well-documented history of providing services to the CIA: it was its aircraft that were used to take the Shah of Iran from Panama to Cairo; and in 1984 they also took weapons to the anti-Nicaraguan Contras in El Salvador.

During the war in El Salvador the company maintained relations with the military there, and it took part in the 1989 invasion of Panama. It has also carried out numerous operations for the United States Air Force, carrying tons of munitions and equipment to America's allies in many of the world's countries.

United States Postal Service officials complained in 1987 that Evergreen aircraft were using USPS emblems in their flights outside the United States in order to disguise the true nature of their activities, which are of a purely espionage and intelligence-related and military nature.

Covert Action Quarterly concludes that Evergreen's relationship with the CIA means that its United Nations contracts will have a high degree of importance for the gathering of intelligence-related information and for the assignment of agents to world hot spots.

The information published in the Untied States of America on the nature of the relationship between the CIA and the Evergreen company, which is presently working with UNIKOM, corroborates the statements made in the aforementioned letter of the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Iraq. In that letter, you were asked to intervene so that the matter of the contract with the company could be reconsidered in order to ensure the continuation of the cooperation that presently obtains between UNIKOM and the Iraqi Government and to prevent the use of these aircraft for purposes other than those to which they are assigned.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Nizar HAMDOON
Ambassador
Permanent Representative